

June Doubleheaders in New York Will Be Hardships for Griff's Gladiators

MANAGER GRIFFITH GRIEVES AS SKIES DECLINE TO SMILE

Double-Headers in June Will Work Hardship on His Team, So He Believes.

TODAY'S GAME CALLED OFF

Ray Morgan's Injured Thumb Rapidly Recovering and He Will Stay in Line-up.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Manager Griffith is downcast today, for today's game was called off after twelve hours of rain. This means that two games will have to be played here around the last of June and whatever advantage might accrue from Griffith's catching the Yankees with their team work out of sorts will have disappeared.

"I wanted to play all four games on this trip here," says his explanation. "The Yankees have power enough in their heavy hitters, but they're getting all the luck as well. The next time we come here Donovan will have his machinery working better and we'll have to work our heads off to win."

Ray Morgan's damaged thumb is well on the highway to recovery, and the day of rest served its only good purpose in so far as that it gave the injured digit an opportunity to cure.

He is expected to remain at the top of the batting order until some unforeseen exigency causes his removal and (Continued on Page Eleven).

Griffith is pleased with the results of putting McBride eighth in the batting list, and this transfer is more than likely to remain a fixture throughout the season.

There is some possibility of Ed Gharrit being permitted to break into the conflict today, and if he does it will be his first appearance in the American League. This Minneapolis protegee is particularly adept at working with young pitchers and he and Harper proved an effective pair under Manager Joe Cantillon in the American Association last season.

Clark Griffith is as nappy as a next year's bird nest as the result of having clinched the first game of the season, and he is distinctly an opponent to the adage that a good beginning necessarily indicates a poor ending. He was not entirely unafraid of the Yankees when he piloted his crew into Manhattan last Tuesday night, for he had heard much of the good work of Magee, Baker, and Gedeon. The Trappe Terror was the only one of the made-over Yankees who was anything like effective against Walter's lightning-like service, and Gedeon failed to come through at all.

Speaking of Baker—and every other person along Broadway has that young hero's name on his lips—he seems to have benefited, if anything, from his year on the farm. He appeared to be the only member of the Yankee organization who wasn't beaten before he went to the bat, most of them having been seemingly bewildered by the mere fact that they were facing Walter Johnson, the invincible.

Griffith is still buzzing over a pet hunch of his that the two runs that the Yankees got in the seventh inning of Wednesday's opener were the result of the blindness on the part of Umpire "Buck" Owens in calling Magee safe. But for that, he says, Johnson would not have been scored upon. The safety did look questionable, but it is always a little to suppose that the umpire at first base has a fairer chance to see the play than the spectators or scorers.

Griffith's decision all day yesterday.

"No team has any license to beat Walter Johnson. Any time they do it, it is an accident or a bad break in the luck. This time it was the umpire's fault, and, of course, his work has to be taken.

The O. F. has undying faith in Johnson's ability as a flinger of great abillity, and the event in the seventh inning adopted the Washington manager more than any other incident of the game. Wednesday the New York batters were lucky to get away with their domes unlicked, as Walter's benders

Big League Biffers of a Day.

A.B.H.T.B.Ave.					
Mollwitz, Reds...	3	3	5	1.000	
Kauf, Giants...	2	2	2	1.000	
Zeider, Cubs...	1	1	1	1.000	
Vaughn, Cubs...	1	1	1	1.000	
Burns, Pirates...	1	1	1	1.000	
Carey, Pirates...	5	4	4	.800	
Young, Tigers...	3	2	2	.667	
Groh, Reds...	4	2	4	.500	
Schulte, Cubs...	4	2	3	.500	
Clarke, Reds...	4	2	3	.500	
Williams, Reds...	4	2	2	.500	
Hobbitzel, Red S.	4	2	2	.500	

simply couldn't be seen, and the five hits were accidents; the Yankee batters admitted it.

Rip Van Winkle, awakening from his twenty-year sleep, might well rub his eyes and wonder what has become of the Yankees of yesterday. The club that is bidding for patronage here this season is an entirely changed aggregation, being reconstructed in no less than five positions.

Where Birdie Cree once held down the left field job, Leo Magee, one-time St. Louis Cardinal and later a Brooklyn Tip Top, now rides herd. Fritz Maisel, the flashy little third sacker of 1915, is now in center field, and Frank Gil-hooly now guards right field, much to the discomfort of Doc Cook.

J. Franklin Baker is as much at home in the New York infield as he was at Shibe Park, and swings the bat as effectively in defense of a city that he once plunged into depression in a recent world's series. At second base another new face shines forth from under the vizor of a snugly fitting cap in the person of Joe Gedeon, several times with the Washington Club.

Clark Griffith is as elated over the first big win here as is the youngest recruit on the club. Every man is hopeful that the exhibition games will be eliminated here.

These are calculated to take the edge off the big league openings. While Wednesday's contests here and in Brooklyn were well attended, the enthusiasm among the spectators was mediocre, they having behaved more as in mid-season. The blare and hurrah was conspicuously missed by its absence.

With a league opening in New York, one of the best baseball towns in the country, a holiday double-header in Boston, and an opening in Washington, the Capitoline entry stands fair to strengthen its coffers to no mean extent.

JIMMY CALLAHAN IS AGAINST THE RULES

Thinks Coaches Should Have More Leeway in Contest.

ST. LOUIS, Missouri, April 14.—Although a newcomer in the National League, Manager Jimmie Callahan, of the Pittsburgh club, is not averse to offering criticisms. He declares that the coaching rules in baseball are too strict, and that they should be modified. He believes the coach should be given more leeway and that the rule which penalizes a player out who is touched or held by another member of his team, is a "foolish one." Said Callahan:

"The coach's box at third base is too small. The runner isn't given a fair chance. Say that a speedy man like Carey is coming from second on a short hit or an infield grounder. He turns third and starts up the line for home. The coach is supposed to watch the ball for this runner. The coach cannot leave the box. Suppose the fans are cheering and the runner cannot hear the coach's voice calling him to go ahead or to return. What can the coach do? He cannot get closer to the runner, for if he leaves the box the umpire will call the runner out. "This being the case, I am in favor of changing the rule so as to permit coaches to move at least half-way up the line to the home plate. The box should not be moved in, but it should be lengthened. And I am in favor, too, of eliminating the rule which prevents a coach from holding a runner at third base. If these changes were made, I believe better base-running would result; the speed boys would not be so careful and would take longer chances."

Umpire Hank O'Day is also in favor of a change in the rules. He would invent a catcher or fielder from blocking a player off a base. Hank says that when a backstop squats between the runner and the plate while the ball is speeding toward him, that backstop is guilty of interference, for the runner has no chance at all to touch the plate.

Lincolns to Play.
Lincoln Athletic Club meets the Artillery nine from Fort Hunt, Va., Sunday at 2 o'clock in Virgilant Park, Fifteenth and H streets northeast.

Mackmen's Pitching Proves Very Weak

Straight From Tailenders With Large Score.

BOSTON, April 14.—The world's champion Red Sox are now two games to the good over the Mackmen, winning yesterday's game 8 to 2. Ray and Richardson fell down badly, but Myers pitched good ball for the last seven innings. Shore was relieved by Penneck in the eighth, Manager Carrigan not caring to waste his star. Score by innings:

R. H. E.					
Mackmen	000	000	000	2	4
Red Sox	000	200	000	8	2

Batteries—Mackmen, Ray, Richardson, Myers and Meyers; Red Sox, Shore, Penneck and Agnew.

CLEVELAND, April 14.—After going like a house afire for seven frames, Morton weakened in the eighth and the Browns romped away with the second victory over the Indians, 4 to 2. All four runs came over in that eighth.

Score by innings:

R. H. E.					
Indians	000	001	010	2	6
Browns	000	000	040	4	2

Batteries—Browns, Davenport and Harkey; Indians, Morton, Coveleskie, and O'Neill.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Ty Cobb's double in the ninth cleaned the bases, and came close to landing a victory for the Tigers. It was a regular old-time Detroit rally, five runs being scored. As it was, it felt two shy of equaling the White Sox total, Rowland's team winning, 8 to 6, by hitting Dauss hard in the early innings. Score by innings:

R. H. E.					
Tigers	000	010	005	6	10
White Sox	000	210	100	8	6

Batteries—Tigers, Dauss, Dubois, Rowland and Stange; White Sox, Danforth and Schalk.

CINCINNATI, April 14.—The Cubs' pitchers, Vaughn and Packard, were slaughtered by the Reds yesterday. Heri-zog's team winning, 5 to 3, and getting thirteen hits. Dale pitched good ball for the home team.

ST. LOUIS, April 14.—"Babe" Adams debuted for 1916 by giving the Cardinals a lone hit and doing nothing else. The Pirates fell upon Meadows in the seventh and kept it up as Sallee relieved him, scoring all their runs in that frame.

Wants Two Cubs.

TOLEDO, Ohio, April 14.—Roger Bresnahan is negotiating with President Charles Weeghman of the Chicago National League for the purchase of infielder Alexander McCarthey for the Toledo Association ball club. The Indianapolis club, too, it is reported, is not after McCarthey and has made Weeghman a substantial offer.

Bresnahan was reported to be negotiating for another Cub player besides McCarthey.

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St. Louis	2	0	1.000	1.000	.667	
Washington	1	0	1.000	1.000	.500	
Detroit	1	1	.500	.667	.333	
Chicago	1	1	.500	.667	.333	
New York	0	1	.000	.500	.000	
Cleveland	0	1	.000	.500	.000	
Athletics	0	2	.000	.333	.000	

Tomorrow's Games.
Washington at New York.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Detroit at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cleveland.

Today's Games.
Washington at New York.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Detroit at Chicago.
St. Louis at Cleveland.

Yesterday's Results.
Washington-New York, rain.
Boston, 5; Athletics, 1.
St. Louis, 4; Cleveland, 2.
Chicago, 5; Detroit, 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Standing of Clubs.

Today's	W.	L.	Pct.	Win.	Lose.
Boston	1	0	1.000	1.000	.500
Phillies	1	1	.500	.667	.333
St. Louis	1	1	.500	.667	.333
New York	1	1	.500	.667	.333
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	.667	.333
Brooklyn	0	1	.000	.500	.000

Tomorrow's Games.
New York at Philadelphia.
Boston at Brooklyn.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.
Chicago at Cincinnati.

Today's Games.
Boston at Brooklyn.
New York at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results.
New York, 2; Phillies, 0.
Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 3.
Pittsburgh, 4; St. Louis, 0.
Brooklyn-Boston, rain.

All-American Star to Coach Navy Next Fall

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 14.—J. Atherton Gilman, Jr., recently deposed from the Harvard football captaincy because of classroom difficulties, agreed today to act as line coach at Annapolis next autumn.

Gilman, who was a member of Walter Camp's All-American eleven, will report at the Naval Academy, August 15. Kenneth Parsons, Harvard tackle, has virtually agreed to coach at Bowdoin College next autumn.

Carl Sawyer Aims To Be a Chaplin

Griffith's Latest Comic Coach Tells What He Would Like To Do This Season.

Yesterday's ball game between the Yanks and the Senators was postponed on account of the mud back of third base. It is here that Clarence Sawyer indulges in his repertoire, writes Grantland Rice in today's New York Tribune. When he dives high into the air and comes down upon his neck on a rain-soaked coaching line the soft mud squirts into his ears, causing temporary deafness and thereby drowning out all applause.

And what, to any comedian, is life without applause? If the conditions are such today that Mr. Sawyer can land effectively upon the back of his neck without getting his ears full of mud, the Yanks and Nationals will resume, with Ray Fisher facing Gallia or Harper. Ray won his first seven games last season without Baker to help him along, so he is anxious to get away once more to a romping start.

Mr. Sawyer, the great comedian, was becomingly modest after his metropolitan debut.

"I am extremely happy," he said, when interviewed yesterday, "that such an intelligent audience seemed to like my little act. I am more grateful than I can say."

"How did you happen to take up this art?" we asked, with a poorly repressed eagerness.

"I noticed," said Mr. Sawyer, "that the drama had its Forbes Robertson and its Charlie Chaplin. But baseball had only its Nicholas Altrock or its Prince Herman Schaefer, both essentially highbrows. So I decided to try to fill the gap."

"My act, of course, is restricted as compared to that of Mr. Chaplin's. I am not permitted to propel a custard pie into a lady's features nor to soak an umpire, player or fan in the face with a broom."

"But in spite of these technical handicaps I hope to prove there is still a place for the lowbrow in the coaching achievements of the game that so many of us love."

"Art and dignity are, of course, all very well; but there are other things in our civilization that call for encouragement."

We attempted later to get interviews from Mr. Altrock and Mr. Schaefer, but neither could be found. We understood later they were trying to obtain permission from Mayor Mitchell to wheel a cannon on the field, or, failing in this, to have the coaching section around third base mined.

Ah, Jess Is Discovered!

CHICAGO, April 14.—Heavyweight Champion Jess Willard has a new baby boy, it was learned here today. The new arrival was born March 24 four days after Willard's bout with Moran, but it was kept secret until today.

Joe Turner to Meet Jim Poulos Tonight

Joe Turner, the local wrestler, who now claims the middleweight championship of the world, will grapple with the formidable Greek challenger, Jim Poulos, at the Lyceum Theater to night. The exhibition will follow the regular performance.

Turner last week defeated the Jap wrestler, Matsuda, adding another scalp to his big list of mat victories. Poulos is expected to give the local wizard a good battle. The decision will be awarded on the two falls out of three.

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